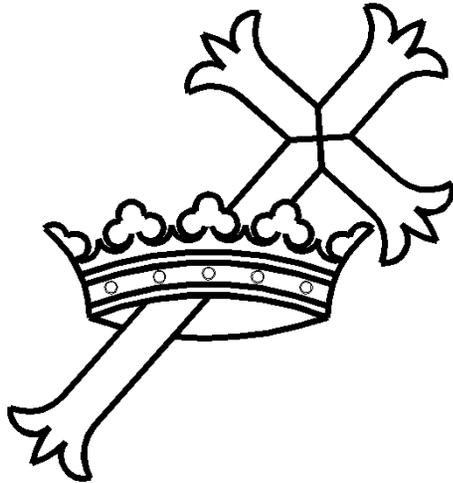


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Third Sunday After Pentecost  
June 26, 2022*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“O God Our Help”*

**LBW 320**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory Be To The Father"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics under the vocal line are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics under the vocal line are: "was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The music is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, the strength of those who hope in you,  
**Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65: 1-9 (ESV)**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19: 9b-21 (ESV)**

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."<sup>11</sup> And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.<sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.<sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of

the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>14</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria."<sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.<sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.<sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."<sup>19</sup> So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.<sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"<sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 16 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."**

**<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.**

**<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.**

**<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.**

**<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.  
<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**  
<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Luke 8: 26-39 (ESV)**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Faith Of Our Fathers”*

**LBW 500**

\*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.  
**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN

*"On Our Way Rejoicing"* LBW 260

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

(\* Please stand as you are able)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Tim and Kim Aldridge's 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their family.

**VBS: VBS** will be held **July 28-30**. We are in need of leaders for music, crafts, story time, etc. if you are interested in helping see Meredith or Ashleigh. Registration forms are in the mailroom. Times are 6 to 8 Thursday and Friday and 9 to noon on Saturday.

The **PBnJ Youth** group meet **TODAY** at 2:30 PM.

**Newsletter** articles for **July** are due **TODAY**.



**June 26, 2022**

*We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Contact Pastor Allison or Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell to request additions or changes.*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1*

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; Melvin Bost; Leonard Campbell; John Faggart; Wayne Furr; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Dave Goff (Friend of Carl Pless, Jr)  
Lloyd Blythe; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Sharon Blackwelder Measmer; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Brian Seagraves; Susan Starling; Connie Walters

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine  
Uvalde, Texas Elementary School shooting victims and families

**Cross of Christ Shut-In**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

**\*\* Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, card, or email along with your prayers**

**Today June 26, 2022**

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
PBJ Meeting	2:30 PM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Fourth Sunday of Pentecost*

1 Kings 19: 9b-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

St Luke 9: 51-62

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